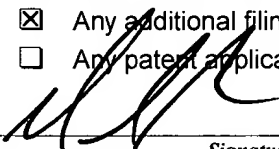


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Invention: SPEECH SYNTHESIS DEVICES HANDLING PHONEME UNITS OF EXTENSIVE CV (NEW)					
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Amendments to the Title: begin on page 2 of the paper.

Amendments to the Specification: begin on page 3 of this paper and a new Abstract is attached.

Amendments to the Claims: reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks: begin on page 19 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Title:

Please amend the title of the present invention to -- Speech Synthesis Device Handling
Phoneme Units of Extensive CV --.